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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, KS  
SUBJECT: F-111 BEACON BOMBING DEMONSTRATION

REF: (A) COMUSK 270330Z JUN 75 (NOTAL)  
(B) CINCPACAF 180045Z JUL 75 (NOTAL)  
(C) COMUSK 210500Z JUL 75 (NOTAL)

1. IN JUNE 1975, COMUSK WITH EMBASSY CONCURRENCE REQUESTED PERIODIC DEPLOYMENT OF F-111S TO ROK (REF A). IN RESPONSE CINCPACAF PROPOSED F-111 BEACON BOMBING DEMONSTRATION, AND IN REF B PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF SIX AIRCRAFT FROM SEPTEMBER 8 TO OCTOBER 8, 1975. BEACON BOMBING WOULD BE SEPTEMBER 22-23 AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT (NO ORDNANCE) SEPTEMBER 25-26.

2. AS PART OF ONGOING EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE US RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY TO DEFEND ROK, COUNTRY TEAM SUPPORTED PROPOSAL INCLUDING TIME FRAME AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. (REF C).

3. SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY DELIBERATION IN CONTEXT OUR  
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UN STRATEGY HAS LED US TO CONCLUSION THAT DEPLOYING F-111S, WITH CONCURRENT HIGH VISIBILITY US PRESENCE, DURING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR UN OBJECTIVES. CONSEQUENTLY WE NOW FEEL THAT DEPLOYMENT

SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER UNGA.

4. ANOTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT, SUBSEQUENT TO  
INITIAL DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE F-111 DEPLOYMENT USG HAS  
CONTINUED TO MAKE CLEAR ITS RESOLVE TO DEFEND ROK; SECRETARY  
OF DEFENSE VISIT DURING END AUGUST IS ANOTHER HIGHLY VISIBLE  
SYMBOL US COMMITMENT. DEPLOYMENT OF F-111S SO SOON AFTER  
VISIT AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF US POLICY WOULD HAVE LESS  
BENEFICIAL IMPACT IN THAT IT WOULD ONLY EMPHASIZE A  
POINT ALREADY WELL MADE.

5 WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT PERIODIC  
DEPLOYMENT OF F-111S HIGHLY DESIRABLE DEMONSTRATION OF US  
CAPABILITY. WE RECOMMEND DEPLOYMENT BE RESCHEDULED  
AFTER UNGA.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT POSITION ASAP ON DEPLOYMENT  
PRIOR TO DEMONSTRATION PLANNING CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE  
HELD IN HAWAII AUG 4.

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